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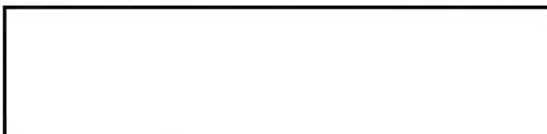
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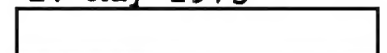
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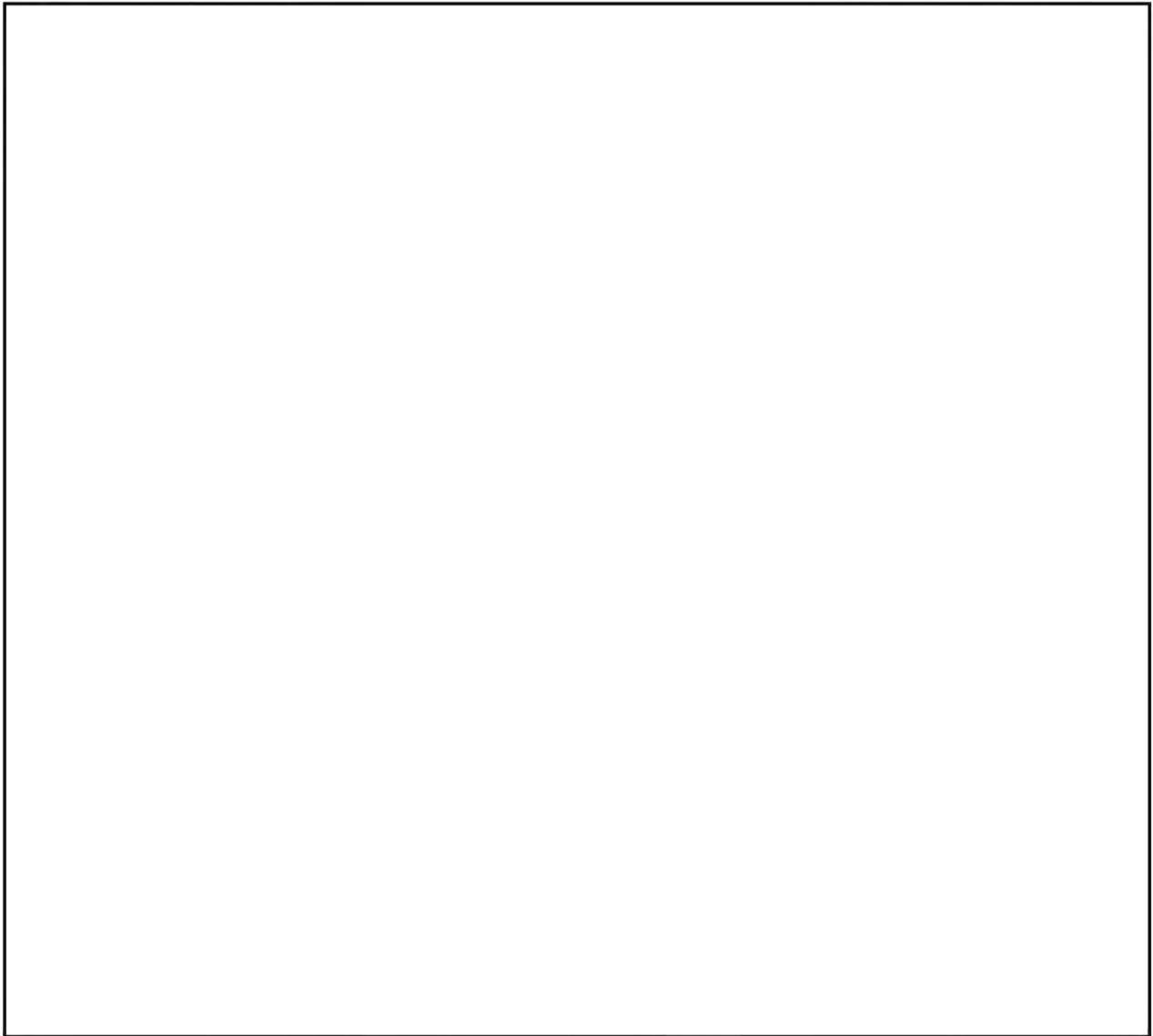


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Presidential Aide Traveling to Paris

Saigon is adding one of President Thieu's close associates to its delegation in Paris while Dr. Kissinger is meeting with Le Duc Tho. General Dang Van Quang, the presidential aide for military and security affairs, reportedly will travel to Paris tomorrow for a one-week visit. Quang says Thieu has directed him to act as a consultant on military matters to the Saigon delegation and that his presence also is designed to increase the prestige of the delegation vis-a-vis the Communists and third parties. Quang indicated that he would be available to meet with Dr. Kissinger.

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CAMBODIAThe Military Situation

Over the last two days, Communist activity has increased around the provincial capital of Kompong Cham. This could signal a Communist attempt to capture the city. Plans are under way to reinforce the government garrison at Kompong Cham. Communist attacks against government positions along Routes 3 and 4 south of Phnom Penh tapered off on 18 May, although a significant number of Communist troops are still in the area. Farther south, the government operation to expand the defensive perimeter around Takeo is continuing against light Communist resistance. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the Communists have withdrawn the bulk of their forces from the Takeo area to assist in the Routes 3 and 4 campaign. [REDACTED]

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